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In re Application of :

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WITH ANTIVIRAL PROPERTIES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

At page 1, after the title, please insert:

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-- The instant application is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No 09/163,374, filed September 30, 1998 (Allowed), which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/306,830, filed September 15, 1994, which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/564,160, now abandoned, filed August 7, 1990, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/308,101, filed February 8, 1989 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,047,407) and a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/546,676, filed June 29, 1990 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,041,449), and Serial No. 07/546,676 is a continuation of Serial No. 07/179,165, now abandoned, filed April 11, 1988. --

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